



Waddington All Saints Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy



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Making History Great

We have always been proud of our curriculum and a huge amount of effort has always gone into meeting our aspiration to provide 'irresistible learning opportunities' and experiences for our pupils.

The History learning taking place this term has certainly exemplified this drive. Key Stage 1 pupils have been finding out about the life of Christopher Columbus considering what it must have been like to be an explorer when there was very little known about the world.



Years 3 and 4 have been looking at the Roman legacy in Lincoln. This has included a trip to The Collection, where they role played training to be part of the Roman army and shopping in an ancient Roman market. They also used Geographical and Historical skills and enquiry to locate Roman sites of interest around the city.



Personal Development Drive

We have a big drive upon the personal development aspects of our provision this year. Looking at the development of talents and ensuring that pupils are given the skills and opportunities that will put them in a good place to be successful as individuals as they grow older.

With this in mind, among other things, we have taken on the 'Daily Mile' initiative, where each year group takes a short time out of their day to run a 'mile'. We have also appointed Mrs Rundle to work with pupils from Service Families to enhance our offer for pupils transferring to this school mid-year or whose parents are away.

This is only part of the offer that we have in place and the increasing demand for this kind of support has led to the old IT Suite being changed into a Well-Being Suite this term. There is also work in progress to ensure that all pupils know the signs of bullying and what to do if they should ever feel that they are not being treated appropriately by other children.



There has also been a review of our sporting and musical provision. This term, year 4 pupils are working with Mr Crouch from North Kesteven Academy to learn to play the hand chimes and we are looking forward to hearing this shared with the school in December. Our pupils have also had a very positive start to the year in terms of competitions and sport opportunities. This includes LEAD Academy year group tournaments and the interclass competitions.

We will also be involved in the LEAD Enrichment Event Days over the course of the year. On 15th November, year 2 will be going to Nottingham to take part in a Performing Arts day. A couple of weeks later on 29th, year 3 will be travelling to a Science day, also in Nottingham. On these days they will work with children from other LEAD Academies.

Our School Council are working with Mr Jackson this year and they will soon be sending out information about their charity day next half-term. This is one of a growing number of responsibilities being given to pupils to develop them as citizens and give them a real voice in the life of the school. We are also having a group of pupils trained up as Play Leaders to support at break times.



Greater Challenge—Great Start

We are so proud of the way in which children have responded to coming back to school for this academic year. They have tried really hard to secure a very high standard of behaviour and work and in doing so have been a credit to their families and the school.

This academic year has also brought further changes for schools nationally, with increasing responsibilities for Safeguarding and a new, much tougher Ofsted Framework. It is now harder than ever for a school aspiring to be judged outstanding and as a new academy we become one of these. As a result, schools are having to make changes and developments in response to the new expectations. For us this includes an imperative to remodel our previously celebrated approach to the leadership and development of the curriculum and this work is on-going.



Our children new into Foundation Stage have settled incredibly well. We were astounded when they not only visited our KS2 Harvest Festival, but they were also brave enough to perform a song to the rest of the school. A few weeks later they invited their parents into school for their 'Elmer Day'. At this event they came dressed in bright coloured clothes as a celebration of difference and individuality. They put on a parade for their parents and performed their song 'Big Red Combine Harvester'. Their parents then joined their children in the classrooms to share in their learning.

The Harvest Festivals in September, were wonderful community events. Once again we had support from the highly supportive RAF Padre team and Reverend Annabel. We were also able to hear from a volunteer about the work of the Lincoln Larder and find out more about how the wide range of offerings that had been brought into school will be used to support families in Lincoln struggling to afford food.

Over the summer LEAD arranged for our security fence to be upgraded and have installed a new smoke detection and alarm system. These are not finished yet, but once they are will enhance the safety of pupils at this school. LEAD have also taken over the running of the school website this term, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Robertson for providing his website services free of charge and sustaining a consistently outstanding website for us for over ten years.

We would also like to thank you all for your engagement in the new booking system for the Parent Teacher Target Setting Meetings. Considering this was the first time for us all, it seemed to run fairly smoothly and we anticipate that it will be even better in February.

Loving Learning All Saints Style



Foundation Stage dressed up against the weather to learn in our wonderful Forest School



Y4 learning how our digestive system works was messy but very memorable.



Y6 enjoyed being invited to the International Bomber Command Centre to make clay poppies.

We break up at 3:20pm on Friday 18th Oct and return on Tuesday 29th Oct.